

AMENDED CLAIM SET

The claims have been amended as set forth in the following listing of the claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A steam cooker, ~~comprising:~~comprising:

a cooking chamber in which foods are put;

an external circulation path for blowing gas sucked from the cooking chamber via a suction port into the cooking chamber via a blowhole provided at a ceiling portion of the cooking chamber so that the gas strikes the foods in the cooking chamber;

a blower for generating gas current traveling from the suction port to the blowhole in the external circulation path; and

a steam generator for supplying steam to the gas passing through the external circulation path, wherein

the external circulation path is provided with a steam ejector in a position downstream of the blower, the steam ejector having a suction portion for sucking steam generated by the steam generator, the suction portion being formed coaxially with the external circulation path.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~A steam cooker, comprising:~~A steam cooker, comprising:~~The steam cooker according to claim 1~~

a cooking chamber in which foods are put;

an external circulation path for blowing gas sucked from the cooking chamber via a suction port into the cooking chamber via a blowhole so that the gas strikes the foods in the cooking chamber;

_____ a blower for generating gas current traveling from the suction port to the blowhole in the external circulation path; and

_____ a steam generator for supplying steam to the gas passing through the external circulation path, wherein

_____ the external circulation path is provided with a steam ejector in a position downstream of the blower for sucking steam generated by the steam generator, wherein

the external circulation path is provided with a bypass for the gas to bypass the steam ejector.

3. (Previously Presented) The steam cooker according to claim 1, wherein the external circulation path is constructed using a pipe with circular cross section.

4. (Previously Presented) The steam cooker according to claim 1, wherein the blower includes a centrifugal fan.

5. (Original) The steam cooker according to claim 4, wherein a motor for driving the centrifugal fan is a direct current motor.

6. (Original) The steam cooker according to claim 3, wherein the blower includes a centrifugal fan.

7. (Original) The steam cooker according to claim 6, wherein
a motor for driving the centrifugal fan is a direct current motor.
8. (New) The steam cooker according to claim 1, further comprising:
a gas current control plate provided inside the cooking chamber defines a suction port for
drawing steam only at the bottom of the cooking chamber to the external circulation path.
9. (New) The steam cooker according to claim 8, wherein
the gas current control panel extends downward from a ceiling of the cooking chamber to
a position near a floor surface of the cooking chamber.